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Mr. Kevin Grady
Dept. Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Natural Resources
Goodwin State Park
23 Potter Road
Hampton, CT 06247

Re: Prescribed Burn, Cockaponset State Forest

Dear Mr. Grady:

Connecticut Water Company has been made aware of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's plan to conduct a prescribed burn at Cockaponset State Forest in the Towns of Haddam and Chester. A portion of the land to be burned is located within the watershed areas of our Turkey Hill and Great Brook public drinking water supply reservoirs. Therefore we are concerned with any potential impacts to the water quality of these sources of supply from this activity.

With prescribed burns there is the potential for erosion and associated runoff causing increase levels of nitrate in water bodies. After any prescribed burn, the area should be closely monitored and if necessary erosion control practices be implemented to prevent erosion of the area.

We recommend the storing of any fuel and the use of foam or fire retardant be prohibited within the watershed area.

Source protection is a vital concern of Connecticut Water and we appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposed projects that could impact the water quality of our sources of supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cindy F. Gaudino".

Cindy F. Gaudino

Manager Source Protection and Real Estate

Cc: P. Andrews
C. Funk
P. Bisacky, DPH

